

Happy holidays from your friends at US/ICOMOS



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Membership Renewal Reminder

Renew soon in order to receive your 2013 ICOMOS Card in January! Go to <http://www.usicomos.org/membership>

End-of-Year Appeal

As we close ou 2012, please consider making a tax-deductible contribution to US/ICOMOS. Unrestricted donations help support the US/ICOMOS Secretariat so that we may continue to offer programs and services to our membership. You may donate online at <http://www.usicomos.org/civicrm/contribute/transact?reset=1&id=4>

US/ICOMOS Annual Gala

Last week, US/ICOMOS was honored to have UNESCO Director General Irina Bokova as our special guest at the annual US/ICOMOS Gala in Washington, DC. Held in the newly restored Warne Ballroom of the Cosmos Club, the gala reception and dinner was filled to capacity, with 150 guests from such agencies and organizations as the US State Department, the National Park Service, US Department of Interior, Getty Conservation Institute, World Monuments Fund, Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, the Smithsonian Institution, and numerous others.

Jan C.K. Anderson, US/ICOMOS Vice Chair, welcomed the guests to the dinner. The Hon. Esther Brimmer, Assistant Secretary of State for International Organization Affairs, then impressed upon those in attendance the importance of UNESCO to the United States before introducing Ms. Bokova, who delivered impassioned remarks about the important work of UNESCO and how vital US participation in UNESCO is to those efforts.

In celebration of the 40th anniversary of the World Heritage Convention, following dinner Rachel Jacobson, Acting Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, presented certificates of appreciation to three individuals from the US who were instrumental in the development of the World Heritage Convention: Russell E. Train (awarded post-humously, accepted by his son Bowdoin Train), David Hales, and Lee Talbot.

The evening concluded with remarks by Gustavo Araoz, ICOMOS President. US/ICOMOS was honored that Mrs. Laura Bush (not in attendance) was the Honorary Chair of the Benefit Committee for the US/ICOMOS Gala.

2012 A Banner Year for US/ICOMOS - the Year in Review

The annual gala capped a year of growth in membership and programs for US/ICOMOS. Over the past year, US/ICOMOS rebuilt our membership, restructured our financial management systems, and held several important events and programs. As always, our membership was vital to the support of the numerous international programs and activities in heritage conservation US/ICOMOS engages in. To this year in review, US/ICOMOS thanks all its members, friends, and partner organizations for your dedication. Happy holidays and all the best for the New Year!

US/ICOMOS Luncheon in Honor of UNESCO Director General Irina Bokova

The Executive Committee of the US/ICOMOS Board of Trustees hosted a luncheon in honor of Irina Bokova, Director General of UNESCO, on the occasion of her visit to Independence National Historical Park and World



Scenes from the US/ICOMOS Annual Gala



L-R: Jan C.K. Anderson, Irina Bokova, and Esther Brimmer



L-R: Esther Brimmer, Bowdoin Train, and Rachel Jacobson

Heritage Site in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The luncheon was held March 15, 2012 at City Tavern, on the grounds of the park.

The luncheon was preceded by a “Town Hall Event” hosted by the National Park Service at Congress Hall, also on the grounds of the park. The event was billed as “Boosting Tourism and Travel to Pennsylvania and Its Historic and Cultural Sites” and also served to celebrate Independence Hall’s Designation as a World Heritage Site in 1979 and the 40th anniversary (2012) of the World Heritage Convention.

Speakers at the event, which was open to the public, included Cynthia MacLeod, Superintendent of the Independence National Historical Park, Jonathan B. Jarvis, Director of the National Park Service, and Ken Salazar, Secretary of the Interior. The Secretary introduced Ms. Bokova, who spoke about the importance of the relationship between UNESCO and the United States, noting that the idea of the World Heritage Convention originated in the U.S.

Other speakers included Congressman Chaka Fattah, 2nd District Pennsylvania, U.S. House of Representatives, and Rachel Jacobson, Acting Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Department of the Interior.

2012 US/ICOMOS International Symposium

In May, US/ICOMOS held its 15th International Symposium in San Antonio. The first day of the symposium opened with a warm welcome by dignitaries from US/ICOMOS and San Antonio, included an update on the US World Heritage Program from the National Park Service’s Office of International Affairs, continued with afternoon field sessions at the San Antonio Missions, and concluded with a reception and dinner at Mission San Jose celebrating the 40th Anniversary of the World Heritage Convention. The evening culminated with enthusiastic remarks from Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar, who announced he approved the nomination of the San Antonio Franciscan Missions to the World Heritage List! Whew - what a day! And there were still two more days of presentations and receptions to go!

A report on the 2012 US/ICOMOS International Symposium is now online - Commentary, Review and Conclusions from the 15th US/ICOMOS International Symposium at <http://www.usicomos.org/symp/archive/2012/docs/usicomos-4903>

The symposium received a great deal of attention from the press as well. Brenda Barrett, in her blog Living Landscape Observer, wrote about World Heritage and the US/ICOMOS Symposium in her June 27 post “Let’s Give a Shout Out to World Heritage.” For the post, go to <http://livinglandscapeobserver.net/sanantonioworldheritage/> Her blog’s homepage can be found at <http://livinglandscapeobserver.net/>

Today’s Catholic published a multi-part series on the missions and the US/ICOMOS symposium, which can be found at the following links.

- 1st installment - <http://www.satodayscatholic.com/ICOMOS1.aspx>
- 2nd installment - http://www.satodayscatholic.com/ICOMOS_SanJose.aspx
- 3rd installment - <http://www.satodayscatholic.com/ICOMOS3.aspx>
- 4th installment - <http://www.satodayscatholic.com/MissionEspada.aspx>

New US/ICOMOS Board Members

At the annual meeting held during the 2012 Symposium, US/ICOMOS welcomed new Board members Jeff Eley (GA), Kathleen Kilpatrick (VA), and Anthony Pell (MA) and acknowledged the work of outgoing Board members Susan Dunham, Nan Gutterman, Michael Mills, Grover Mouton, and Jon Smith. Fortunately, Jon Smith is staying involved with US/ICOMOS as the Ex-Officio representative of the National Park Service.

US/ICOMOS International Exchange Program

This summer, the US/ICOMOS International Exchange Program hosted eight international interns, marking a return of this renowned program after a year of absence.

- Emily Klassen (Alexandria, VA USA) worked with the State Department’s Overseas Building Operation in Arlington, VA
- Jesse Lattig (Philadelphia, PA USA) worked with Falmouth Heritage Renewal in Jamaica



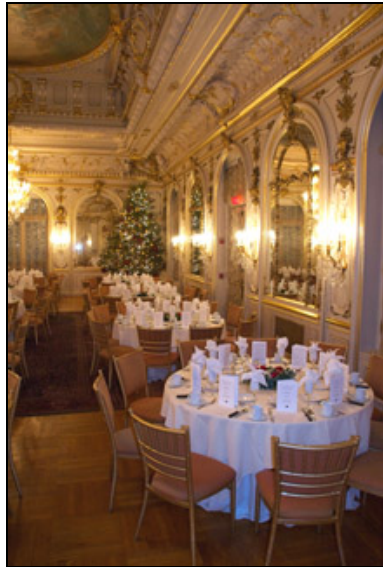
L-R: Rachel Jacobson, David Hales, and Esther Brimmer



L-R: Rachel Jacobson, Lee Talbot, and Esther Brimmer



L-R: Jeanne Marie Teutonico (Getty Conservation Institute) and Gustavo Araoz (ICOMOS President)



Warne Ballroom, Cosmos Club,
Washington, DC

2013 US/ICOMOS International Symposium



Savannah College of Art & Design,
Savannah, Georgia

Scenes from the 2012 US/ICOMOS International Exchange Program



L-R: Fabiana Aguilera, Nabil Ali,
Jesse Lattig, Milton Perry, Ann
Nguyen, Emily Klassen, Daniel
Watts, and Mesut Dinler

- Daniel Watts (Charleston, SC USA) worked with Falmouth Heritage Renewal in Jamaica
- Ann Nguyen (Savannah, GA USA) worked with the Mediterranean Centre in Split, Croatia.
- Milton Perry (Athens, GA USA) worked with the Mediterranean Centre in Split, Croatia.
- Mesut Dinler (Turkey) worked with the Historic Charleston Foundation, South Carolina
- Mohammed (Nabil) Ali (Egypt) worked with the Presidio Trust in San Francisco, California
- Fabiana Aguilera Yambay (Paraguay) worked with Clemson University/Charleston, Charleston, South Carolina

Plans for 2013

Plans are underway for the two primary US/ICOMOS programs - the annual symposium and the international exchange program.

2013 US/ICOMOS International Symposium

Next year, the annual US/ICOMOS International Symposium will be held May 2-4, 2013 in Savannah, Georgia, hosted by the Savannah College of Art & Design. Registration will open in January.

The theme of the symposium is The Historic Center and the Next City: Envisioning Urban Heritage Evolution, with goal of attracting architects, educators, heritage managers and preservationists from all fields to discuss the evolution of our historic urban centers and how they may provide inspiration for the future.

SCAD has been a leader in restoring and adaptively reusing many of Savannah's architectural treasures within or near the Savannah National Historic Landmark District and has earned recognition from the Historic Savannah Foundation, the Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation, the Art Deco Societies of the Americas, the National Trust for Historic Preservation, the International Downtown Association, the Victorian Society in America, and the American Institute of Architects, among others. Recently SCAD Hong Kong was awarded an honorable mention for the revitalization of the former North Kowloon Magistracy Building as part of the 2011 UNESCO Asia-Pacific Awards for Cultural Heritage Conservation. The Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation recognized the restoration of Ivy Hall at SCAD Atlanta in 2009.

SCAD recently opened an addition to the SCAD Museum of Art. This landmark rehabilitation project, the largest in SCAD history, advances the university's award-winning legacy of adaptive reuse and urban revitalization. More information on SCAD can be found at the following links:

Savannah College of Art and Design
<http://www.scad.edu/>

SCAD Department of Historic Preservation
<http://www.scad.edu/historic-preservation/index.cfm>

SCAD Museum of Art
<http://www.scadmoa.org/>

US/ICOMOS International Exchange Program

Application information for 2013 has been posted on the US/ICOMOS website for this annual international exchange program.

You can learn more about how to apply for a US/ICOMOS International Internship and also how to host a US/ICOMOS International Intern by visiting our website at <http://www.usicomos.org/intern>

The general program schedule for 2013 is set as follows subject to minor variations in accordance with host organization schedules:

- January 31: Applications due
- March 1: Applicants notified of "shortlist" selection
- April 1: Selected applicants notified of placement with sponsor
- May 28 - May 30: Intern orientation in Washington, DC
- May 31: Interns travel to their host locations
- June 3 - August 12: Internship with host organization
- August 13-15: Summer Interns return to Washington, DC for final program and reception; Fall interns arrive for orientation
- August 16: Summer Interns return home



Ann Nguyen and Milton Perry give a presentation on their internships in Croatia



L-R: World Bank Staff Rana Amirtahmasebi and Santiago Guterrez make a presentation to the US/ICOMOS Interns



L-R: Victor Tomanek, Jeff Eley (SCAD, US/ICOMOS Board of Trustees), and Daniel Watts



- After August 16: Fall interns travel to their host locations

US/ICOMOS does not yet know how many internships will ultimately be available as fundraising and negotiation with potential host organizations will be ongoing over the next several months.

Conferences and Other Opportunities

2013 National Main Streets Conference - Call for Presentations April 14-16, 2013, New Orleans, Louisiana, USA

This year, the 2013 National Main Streets Conference will explore the Creative Economy, seeking out ways in which local communities and regions can benefit from leveraging the ideas, the people, and the unique assets that set them apart.

For information on developing content for the conference, please visit <http://www.preservationnation.org/main-street/training/conference/2013neworleans/2013-content-development.html>

Contact the National Main Streets Conference at: msconference@savingplaces.org or 202.588.6219 for more information.

Call for Proposals from the George Wright Society Protected Areas in a Changing World: The 2013 George Wright Society Conference on Parks, Protected Areas, and Cultural Sites March 11-15, 2013 • Denver, Colorado

Every two years, the George Wright Society organizes the USA's premier interdisciplinary professional meeting on parks, protected areas, and cultural sites. The Society is now accepting abstracts for their 2013 conference - the deadline for submissions is October 1, 2012. For more information, please visit the conference website at <http://www.georgewright.org/gws2013>

44th Annual EDRA Conference May 29 - June 2, 2013

The Environmental Design Research Association (EDRA) is hosting its 44th annual conference in Providence, Rhode Island, May 29-June 1, 2013 in partnership with the School of Architecture, Art and Historic Preservation at Roger Williams University. We are broadly inviting submissions that address the intersection of environmental design and behavior and the built environment. More specifically, however we encourage submissions of proposals that address the identification and conservation of aspects of historic environments that positively influence multiple dimensions of health (e.g., physical, psychological).

EDRA is an interdisciplinary organization that was founded in 1969 to encourage social science research that would influence design in order to produce better places for people. Attendees at its conferences are diverse and include architects, landscape architects, planners, historic preservationists/heritage conservators, social scientists, practitioners, and academics, among others. While its conference programs have always included papers that address heritage conservation, there has been an increased focus at EDRA on this topic since the founding of the EDRA Historic Preservation Network in 2007.

More information on the conference and submission requirements is at: <http://www.edra.org/edra44providence>. The submission deadline is September 21.



Troy Thompson, Sally Stokes, and
Darwina Neal (US/ICOMOS Board of
Trustees) at the final reception



Elizabeth Blazeovich (American
Architectural Foundation) and Brian
Lione (Iraqi Institute for the
Conservation of Antiquities and
Heritage) at the final reception



Falmouth, Jamaica



Charleston, South Carolina